

Lesson Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

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Title: TRANSPORTATION FOR LIAISON OFFICERS (LNO)

Operation/Exercise Name: MARFOR PROMOTE LIBERTY      Observed: 13 Jun 1990

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5. (U) OBSERVATION:

Dedicated transportation for the Marine Forces (MARFOR) Panama liaison officer (LNO) allowed the LNO to interact, not only with the Joint Task Force (JTF) Panama Staff, but also with other units of the JTF.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

This allowed greater sharing of information and smoother operations. The LNO's mobility allowed him to participate in the planning and operations of both the MARFOR and the JTF. The LNO used a lease vehicle, except when a mission required a tactical vehicle and driver. The lease vehicle was the right solution for the Panama crisis because it was inconspicuous and did not require an enlisted driver.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

LNOs need dedicated transportation to perform their duties.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Provide liaison officers dedicated transportation whenever possible.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

None stated.

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